

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, January 9, 2020.

Board members Mark Miller, Margaret Ruggle, Jeremy Winter, Rosa Gonzalez and Heather Karolus were present. Library Director Mary Murphy and Deputy Director Misty VonBehren were also present.

President Mark Miller called the meeting to order.

Agenda – Heather Karolus moved to approve the agenda with Margaret Ruggle seconding the motion. MCU.

Minutes – Margaret Ruggle moved and Jeremy Winter seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting. MCU.

Gift Fund bills were presented with deposits and expenses explained. Rosa Gonzalez moved and Heather Karolus seconded a motion to approve checks #5870 - #5886 in the amount of \$3,919.69 from the Gift Fund. MCU. The Board reviewed the Library line items from the FY20 City of Perry Budget.

Unfinished Business:

Building Project – The Board reviewed the schematic budget and drawings provided by SVPA as the final products of the P18083 Design Services agreement with SVPA. The budget increased to \$308,274. Rosa Gonzalez moved to accept the final products of the agreement and pay the remaining balance of the not to exceed figure of \$8,400. Jeremy Winter seconded the motion. MCU.

New Business:

City Budget for FY20-21 – The Board reviewed the updated budget presented by Director Murphy. Several quotes are needed to finalize the Capital Requests.

Librarian's Report:

Statistics

Perry Public Library will offer fine amnesty to library patrons during the month of January 2020, with our second annual Resolve to Read program, a New Year's Resolution opportunity for those with outstanding library fines.

First through Fifth graders are invited to join Perry Public Library staff for Legos @ the Library, on Wednesday, January 8, at 3:30 p.m., in the Perry Public Library meeting room.

In keeping with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commemorations this month, Perry Public Library will hold a screening with filmmaker Craig Dudnick of his film *Alice's Ordinary People*, at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 9, in the library large meeting room. Dudnick's film tells the story of civil rights activist Alice Tregay, and of "ordinary people effecting extraordinary change for human rights".

The Perry Public Library Craft Club will hold their January event on Monday, January 13, at 6:30 p.m., in the library meeting room, and the featured craft will be *DIY Bath Salts*. Everyone is invited to join us for any Craft Club event, but advance registration is required, along with a \$5 deposit. All supplies for the craft

projects are provided, specifically purchased for the number of participants. The deposit helps defray the cost of supplies purchased for registrants who must cancel.

The Quarterly Classics Book Club will meet at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, at the Carnegie Library Museum. The selected title for discussion is *Belinda* by Maria Edgeworth. Anyone interested in reading and discussing classic books is invited to join the group for any of the quarterly discussions.

The January meeting of the Perry Public Library Monthly Book Club is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 21, and it will be held in the Perry Public Library large meeting room. The selected title is *Breakfast with Buddha* by Roland Merullo, and we will be Skyping with the author at this special event. Books are available at the library, and anyone interested is welcome to join the group.

The library will host a special event called 'Be a Princess @ Your Library', for children from four to eight years old and an accompanying adult. At 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 23, we will meet in the library meeting room and become princesses! We will make tiaras and wands, and each child will receive a Belle magnetic doll and wardrobe. We will play games, paint our fingernails, and enjoy a light supper fit for royalty! (Feel free to dress up as a princess.) This event is limited to fifteen children, and registration is required. A snow date has been set for Thursday, January 30. Sign up today! 515-465-3569.

Perry Public Library will open up the large meeting room for *Open Craft* time, Saturday, January 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All interested adults are invited to bring their crafts and projects to work on independently in our comfortable maker-space.

A new storytime session will start January 7, 8, and 9 with a Winter theme. Children from 18 months of age to three years old are invited to join Ms. Suzanne on Tuesday mornings starting Jan. 7 at 10:15 a.m. Children that are four and five years of age and families are invited to come on Wednesday starting Jan. 8 at 10:15 a.m. Wee Wonders storytime are for infants that are newborns to 18 months of age. Please bring your infant to Wee Wonders on Thursdays starting on January 9 at 10:30 a.m.

The contract between the Iowa Dept. of Public Health and Dallas County Public Health are in the final stages of approval for the "Harnessing the Power of Iowa's Library" Project. The planned Story Walk is being presented at the Perry Parks and Recreation Board on Monday, January 13, 2020 meeting.

Board Education: Budgeting and Capital Request FY20-21

The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 8 a.m. in the library's small meeting room. Please enter by the east door. It will be open. The public is always welcome.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary K. Murphy, Library Director